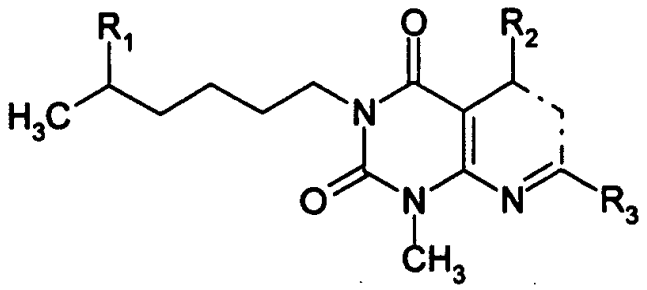

wherein:

R_1 is selected from a member of the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl, methoxyl, acylamino group, cyano group, sulfo, sulfinyl, sulfhydryl (mercapto), sulfeno, sulfanilyl, sulfamyl, sulfamino, and phosphino, phosphinyl, phospho, phosphono and $-NR_aR_b$, wherein each of R_a and R_b may be the same or different and each is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and optionally substituted: $C_{(1-20)}$alkyl, $C_{(3-12)}$cycloalkyl, $C_{(2-20)}$alkenyl, $C_{(3-12)}$cycloalkenyl, $C_{(2-20)}$alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic group;

R_2 and R_3 are independently selected from a member of the group consisting of halo, oxo, $C_{(1-20)}$alkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$thioalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylthio, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$aminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$aminoalkoxyalkenyl, $C_{(1-20)}$aminoalkoxyalkynyl, $C_{(1-20)}$diaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$triaminoalkyl, $C_{(2-20)}$tetraaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylamido, $C_{(1-20)}$alkylamidoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$amidoalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$acetamidoalkyl, $C_{(2-20)}$alkenyl, $C_{(2-20)}$alkynyl, $C_{(1-20)}$alkoxyl, $C_{(1-20)}$alkoxyalkyl, $C_{(1-20)}$dialkoxyalkyl, and $-NR_aR_b$; and

R_4 may be hydrogen or an optionally substituted member of the group consisting of $C_{(1-20)}$alkyl, $C_{(3-12)}$cycloalkyl, $C_{(2-20)}$alkenyl, $C_{(3-12)}$cycloalkenyl, $C_{(2-20)}$alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic group.

2. The therapeutic compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 and R_3 are independently selected from a member of the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, thio, oxo, $C_{(1-10)}$alkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$hydroxyalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$thioalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$alkylthio, $C_{(1-10)}$alkylamino, $C_{(1-10)}$alkylaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$aminoalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$aminoalkoxyalkenyl, $C_{(1-10)}$aminoalkoxyalkynyl, $C_{(1-10)}$diaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$triaminoalkyl, $C_{(2-10)}$tetraaminoalkyl, $C_{(1-10)}$aminotrialkoxyamino, $C_{(1-10)}$alkylamido,